GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5989
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FOOD DEFICIT STATES
BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are aware of the difficulties of the food deficit States due to the present Public Distribution Policy;

(b) whether the Government has received any representations from these States particularly from the State of Orissa; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken / proposed to be taken by the Union Government on the requests of these States?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SRIRAM CHAUHAN)

(a): Under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), introduced in June, 1997 the average lifting of foodgrains for the past 10 years was continued for the benefit of APL population. The quantity of foodgrains out of this average lifting which was in excess of the requirement of Below Poverty Line families was allotted to the States as transitory allocation to also take care of the requirement of the States deficit in foodgrains production. Allocation for the APL families has been continued at the same level as at the time of introduction of TPDS even after doubling of allocation from 10 kg to 20 kg per family per month w.e.f. 1.4.2001and now to 25 kg per family per month from July, 2001.

(b): No, Sir.

(c): Does not arise.